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It seems reasonably clear that Castro saw the psychological moment coming and ducked.

Chicago isn't exactly going "dry," but it is trying to give up impure milk, and that's a hopeful sign.

It is proposed to double the president's salary. If that is done there'll be 14 candidates instead of seven, next time.

Connecticut's champion eel skinner has retired from business. Here's a good job for some ambitious young athlete.

One thing certain is that the Emmanuel movement cannot stop the prevailing disposition of man to put up an argument.

A new kind of flea has been discovered in California. It has six teeth and is a high jumper. Maybe it is designed to pounce on airships.

An exchange tells us that the Kaiser's favorite maxim is "Forget it." All right. Von Buelow isn't going to be the one to jog his memory.

Senator Elkins has long had an eye to the best investments. Since the country thought that he was figuring on a duke, he has bought a bank.

Whiting's chief of police was held up and robbed of his star, revolver, money and billy. We hope the highwaymen left him with at least a clew.

A Colorado man gave his grandson, aged one month \$1,000,000 as a Christmas present. Think of the toys that youngster can buy with all that money.

The telephone girls at Rockford, Ill., struck because they were not permitted to talk. As well tell the birds not to sing and the flowers not to throw off their fragrance.

A Pittsburg artist succeeded in getting a flashlight photograph of a member of the city council in the act of receiving a bribe. It may properly be referred to as a moving picture.

Specializing in farming will be carried too far if scientific farmers produce cobless corn. Several thousand acres then would have to be devoted to raising a variety that grew only cob pipes.

Both Paris and London are discussing the commercial future of the flying machine. It is a safe prophecy that the sporting fraternity will get into aeroplaning some time in advance of commerce.

Castro of Venezuela, who "revoluted" himself into the presidency and has held on like grim death ever since, must have hearty contempt for one who is so "vast" as the late President Alexis of Haiti.

A New York judge has decided that a man whose salary is not more than six dollars a week need not pay alimony. This may cause some men to quit exaggerating when they refer to the salaries they draw.

Since this country set up in business as an independent nation its gold mines have yielded more than three billion dollars. It takes the American hen about six years to furnish eggs and chickens worth that much.

Going barefoot seems to be growing less popular in the West Indies than it used to be. During the last fiscal year the United States exported more than two and a half million pairs of shoes to these islands, one-third as many as the exports to the whole world.

Early in the new year another battleship will be added to the navy. It will be called the Delaware in honor of Maryland's little neighbor on the east. No doubt it will be a fine ship, and will add more strength to about the strongest naval fighting force in the whole world.

The children of the late Charles E. Perkins of Boston have given to the city of Colorado Springs "The Garden of the Gods," one of the scenic wonders of America. The park has long been open to the public, and the formal transfer is in accordance with Mr. Perkins' wish. This gift is similar in spirit to Mr. Kent's gift of Muir Park, California, to the nation, and to a bequest recently received by the city of Boston of a large sum of money to maintain the city parks.

In the light of revelations from Haiti it is not at all surprising that revolutions succeed there. It is announced in official dispatches that the government troops are so disaffected that they have to be tied together in couples to prevent them from deserting. This suggests a modification of an old "pome":  
The soldiers they stand two by two,  
The sergeant and the corporal too,  
If not tied they'd surely flee,  
Leaving the government up a tree.

The man, experienced in hunting in Africa, who says that the president will find no elephants where he is going, is a very likely right. The elephant is a wise beast, and the president's proposed route has been published for some time.

The girl who has neglected to propose during leap year and finds herself still alone and unsought may be expected to begin agreeing with the poet that "of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

## ASSESSMENT MUST BE RAISED

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS FOR 1909-1910 INDICATE THERE WILL BE \$2,000,000 SHORTAGE.

## PROBLEM FOR LEGISLATORS

Missouri's Annual Expenses Less Than Half Those of City of St. Louis—Recount is Resumed.

Jefferson City.—The few members of the general assembly left in Jefferson City during the election recount discuss the difficulties that will have to be met in providing money for appropriations for the next two years.

According to the statement of W. W. Wilder, retiring state auditor, there will be more holes to fill than there are pegs to go around. Wilder's last report shows the estimated receipts for 1909 and 1910 are \$8,782,000, while the estimated expenditures are \$11,161,822.95.

Where all of this money is to come from will have to be worked out by the appropriations committee as soon as it can be named by Speaker Speer. In working out the problem the committee will have the advice of Gov. Huley. In his inaugural address the new governor recited the fact that the appropriations two years ago exceeded the revenue by \$1,487,242.44, while the report of the state auditor shows that the receipts for the two years closing just as he retired from office were \$8,819,070.40.

It is probable that some of the money will be raised through an increase in assessments to be made by the state board of equalization after that body meets. The first session of the new board will be held on the third Monday in February.

### City Budget.

It is a good thing for the legislators that they have not the same budget to meet that the municipal government of St. Louis has to show annually. Naturally municipal government is much more expensive than a state government, but there are but few Missourians that know the expenses of the St. Louis government every year are greater by \$2,000,000 than the entire cost for running the Missouri governmental wheels for two years.

The annual report of Comptroller James V. Player for the fiscal year ending April 15, 1908, shows the taxes levied and distributed by St. Louis for that year alone were \$10,548,702.50.

But one of the reasons given for the larger income in proportion to the number of inhabitants served is the size of salaries paid to employees. For instance, the state pays its auditor and treasurer only \$5,000 annually, while the treasurer and comptroller of St. Louis get \$50,000 each, and the city auditor \$40,000.

### GMEICH IS 150 AHEAD.

Recount, Complete in 15 Wards, Gives Republican This Net Gain.

St. Louis, Mo.—The joint investigating committee of the legislature resumed the recount of the vote on lieutenant-governor Friday at 9 a. m., with the Sixteenth ward, Gmelich having at that time a lead of 160 over Painter, his Democratic opponent in the 15 wards completed up to that hour the Republican candidate had made a total gain of 400, and the Democratic candidate of 141.

The first serious disagreement in the committee over the recount arose in the canvass of the vote of the eighteenth precinct of the Twelfth ward and in the tenth precinct of the Fourteenth ward. The dispute relates to the legality of 183 ballots in these two precincts the initials of the judges on the backs of the ballots differing from the initials of the judges who signed the poll books. In the eighteenth precinct of the Twelfth ward, Gaty Pallen, whose initials appear on many ballots, was taken ill at noon on election day and his place supplied by another judge, duly authorized, who signed the returns.

In these two precincts the disputed ballots have been laid aside temporarily until the committee can agree as to their legality. They may not be taken up until all the other precincts have been completed. The ballots in question favor Gmelich more than Painter and if rejected will cut down the Republican's lead materially. There is no question of fraud involved, merely the technical point as to which judge, Pallen or his successor, can be said to have signed them within the meaning of the law.

The recount of the votes indicates that frauds were perpetrated in the senatorial primary in the Sixteenth ward in the Eighth precinct of this ward the recount shows that Painter received but 121 votes, while 133 votes are credited to the Democratic candidate for senator. In the original return Painter was credited with 139 votes in this precinct. Stone was credited with 112 votes. Folk 18 and Gebhardt 8. Stone was given within nine votes of the actual number of votes cast for Painter.

## STONE ELECTED SENATOR.

Joint Session of Legislature Votes to Retain Him at Washington.

Jefferson City.—William Joel Stone was Wednesday re-elected Senator at the joint session of the senate and the house.

The vote was 91 for Stone and 81 for John C. McKinley, Republican, a strict party vote of the two houses.

Every pair in the two houses was dissolved for the occasion.

Lieut. Gov. McKinley announced the vote and "therefore declared William J. Stone elected United States senator from Missouri."

This was greeted with cheers, and Senators Humphrey and Gardner and Representative Johnson of Vermont were named as a committee to escort Stone to the platform.

By 11 o'clock the house of representatives was well filled with visitors. Although the crowd was not near as large as when Gov. Hadley was inaugurated, as many women were on hand. The women crowded the galleries reserved for members, and chair were placed among the seats of the members.

Mrs. Stone, wife of Senator Stone; Mrs. Kimbrough Stone, daughter-in-law of the senator, and his daughter, Miss Mabel, occupied seats in the balcony.

During the morning Kimbrough Stone and the senator's secretary, W. R. Hollister, were among the members to see that none of them were absent.

Shortly before the two houses met in separate sessions the Democrats of both bodies held a caucus to count noses. Every Democrat was accounted for.

Senator Stone was so sure there would be no break in the Democratic forces that he did not ask Representative Allen of Kansas City to make the trip to Jefferson City to vote.

The house met at 11:30 and shortly afterward received a resolution from the senate asking for a joint session. To this the house agreed. A call of the roll showed Allen was the only absentee.

The harmonious proceedings were in entire accord with what has been claimed by the Stone forces since the members began assembling at the capitol.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Senator Malong of Jasper county has discovered that the initiative feature of the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution adopted at the last election fixes no minimum for initiating legislation. That section of the amendment reads a maximum of a per cent in the voters, properly distributed, is all that is required to compel the legislature to submit any matter to the people for their adoption or rejection. No minimum is fixed, and it is held that twelve signatures to a petition, each one living in a different congressional district, would be sufficient to initiate legislation.

### K. of P. Wants New Law.

Two more entries are in the lobby book kept by the Secretary of State, Tuesday morning Jan. 14. Holmes of St. Louis, and Ben W. Halzell, representative of the Knights of Pythias, registered as Nos. 3 and 10. They set forth their business here with the lawmakers as being to get an amendment to the fraternal laws under which the order may do fraternal insurance business.

### Rules Committee Comes First.

Immediately after the lieutenant-governorship count is finished, Speaker Speer will name the committee on rules. This committee will change the present rules in order to increase the membership of several committees from 11 to 15, among them being the judiciary committee. After the rules are changed the speaker will announce the other committees.

### Souvenir For Gov. Hadley.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The brass castings from which the seventeen shells were fired at the gubernatorial salute on the occasion of the Hadley inauguration have been made into a pitcher and presented to Gov. Hadley as a souvenir. This was the conception of Adjt. Gen. Rumbold, who had the pitcher made. Gov. Hadley appreciates the gift very much.

### More Aids for Hadley.

Governor Hadley has announced the following additional appointments as aids on his staff, with the rank of colonel: Otto Stifel, St. Louis; G. W. Dunham, St. Louis; Charles A. Houts, Webster Groves; Christian Wolf, Clayton; Harry Mitchell, Nevada; Charles D. Buffum, Louisiana.

### Joint Session is Held.

Although both branches of the assembly met Monday afternoon and a joint session was held, no business was transacted save to make the records show the presence of a quorum, something that could not have been established by roll calls.

### Supreme Court Clerk Ill.

J. R. Green, clerk of Supreme Court of Missouri, is confined to his room as the result of a severe hemorrhage. Soon after arising Tuesday morning Mr. Green was attacked with a severe spell of coughing, and it is thought this resulted in the rupture of a blood vessel, as he has no lung ailment. For an hour he bled profusely before the physicians were able to stop the hemorrhage. He is in a very weak condition, but it is believed he will recover.

## OCEAN STEAMER RAMMED IN FOG

WIRELESS MESSAGES FLASHED BROADCAST BRING STEAMERS TO THE RESCUE.

## CRASH OFF NANTUCKET ISLAND

Bound for Liverpool With 250 First-Class and 211 Steerage Passengers—Unable to Make Way Into Port.

Boston, Mass.—The White Star line steamer Republic, which sailed from New York Friday for Mediterranean ports, carrying 250 first-class and 211 steerage passengers, was rammed by an unidentified vessel and disabled, 26 miles south of Nantucket, while threading her way along the Nantucket south shoals in a thick fog early Saturday.

Immediately after the accident the wireless apparatus on the steamer flashed the news of her plight in all directions, and within a short time several vessels, including the French line steamer La Lorraine, westward bound, the White Star liner Baltic and the revenue cutters Acushnet and Gresham, were on their way to offer every possible assistance to the disabled steamer.

### Messages Sent Broadcast Over Sea.

The first messages indicated that the damage was more serious than later appeared, as all of the messages asked that assistance be sent immediately, and one flashed to the navy yards here said the steamer was sinking.

Later, however, the captain of the Republic sent a wireless message saying that the engine room was full of water, but that the steamer could keep afloat and was in no danger.

The nearest land was Nantucket Island, about seventy-five miles due north, but with his engine room full of water the only thing left for the captain to do was to send wireless waves broadcast over the Atlantic asking for assistance.

The first came to the United States government revenue cutter and naval stations at Nantucket Lightship, Newport and Highland Light. The revenue cutters Acushnet and Gresham, the former at Woods Hole and the latter at Provincetown, left within a very few minutes for the scene.

### Steamer Ran Into Blanket of Fog.

The Republic left port at 2 o'clock Friday for Mediterranean ports and ran into a thick blanketing fog.

The Republic was built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1902, for the Dominion line, and was named the Columbus. After the Boston service of the Dominion line had been assigned by the White Star line the name was changed to the Republic.

### Unemployed in Session.

St. Louis, Mo.—Delegates of the unemployed from six cities to the number of about 250, including several women and children, at the Brotherhood Welfare Association quarters, Friday night discussed "The Unemployed Problem in the Various Cities and States." The occasion was the National Convention of the Unemployed of America and Great Britain, which began a three days' session. The convention was called to order by Chairman James Eads How.

### Government Closes Its Case.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The government Friday afternoon concluded the presentation of its case against the anthracite coal roads composing the alleged "coal trust." The hearing will be resumed on February 16 in New York, when the defendants will open their side of the case.

### Weston Plans Another Walk.

New York.—Edward Payson Weston, veteran long-distance walker, has announced his plans for what will be the culminating athletic feat of his career—a walk across the continent to San Francisco—to be accomplished, according to his schedule, in 100 days.

### Wharf Fire at Galveston.

Galveston, Texas.—Originating with the explosion of the lantern of a watchman on Pier 12, the most extensive wharf fire in the history of this port, burned for three hours Friday night, practically burning itself out shortly before midnight, after destroying the entire wharf and wharf sheds, entailing a loss estimated at \$425,000.

### Flood Situation Worse.

Sacramento, Cal.—The news from the inland district of the Sacramento and Salem counties Friday night is most discouraging received since the first flood waves swept down the valley. Various reports show

### Expect Malta to Disappear.

London.—"Earthquake nervousness is the latest disease here," says the Daily Telegraph's Malta correspondent. "It is foretold that Malta will disappear Wednesday and the credulous are dreading its fulfillment."

## LUPTON REPORTS ON EARTHQUAKE

AMERICAN TELLS OF CLIMBING OUT OF TANGLED WIRES IN THE DARK.

## CONSULATE A HEAP OF RUINS

Men and Women, Penned in Debris, Call in Vain for Help to Extricate Them—Has Remarkable Escape.

Washington, D. C.—A thrilling story of the horrors of the Messina earthquake, the destruction of the American consulate and its occupants and his own remarkable escape is told in a mail report received Friday by the state department from Stuart K. Lupton, who was at the time vice-consul, and who has since been appointed consul, succeeding Arthur L. Cheney. The report follows:

"Messina, Italy, Dec. 31, 1908. The Honorable Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, Sir—I have to report that on the morning of December 28 the southern part of Calabria and the province of Messina, in Sicily, experienced a violent earthquake, which seems to have been the most severe on record. At 5:20 I was awakened by a shock so violent that I could not get out of bed. At first the motion seemed vertical, and not very much damage could have been done. This lasted, according to my recollection, only about two or three seconds, when there was a pause of half a minute, succeeded by a much stronger horizontal shock lasting 10 or 12 seconds, I believe.

### Walls Begin to Crack.

"The walls and roof of my room began to crack and crumble, stones fell on the bed and the dust was so thick I was almost unable to breathe. At last, just as I supposed the house must fall in, the motion ceased. I seized my clothes and made my way down the stairs as best I was able, having to jump wide breaks in the flooring. At the doorway of the hotel I ran into a network of tangled wires, none of which was charged, luckily for me. I soon found my way to the water front, about a block away, and started for the consulate.

"At this time I did not realize the extent of the disaster and expected to find Mr. and Mrs. Cheney in the street. Knowing of Dr. Cheney's sickness, I wished to render what assistance I could. I had not proceeded more than 50 yards when I found myself walking up to water up to my knees in a place which I knew had been eight feet above the water.

### Still in the Dark.

"I came upon a pile of rubbish some 15 or 20 feet high, over which I clambered on my hands and knees. By this time I began to see that the affair was much more serious than I had at first believed. But I was still in darkness and could not form any idea as to the extent of the disaster.

"After three-quarters of an hour I arrived at what I supposed was the consulate, and waited for daylight, which came in a few minutes. I looked for the consulate, but could see nothing that reminded me of it. Half the water front appeared to be down. Here and there walls were standing, while the interior had collapsed. A few fires were breaking out, but owing to solid construction of the town, they made little progress.

### Consulate a Heap of Ruins.

"At the place I supposed the consulate to be, there was nothing but a heap of ruins, iron beams splintered wood, bricks and stones in hopeless confusion. I was not sure of the spot and climbed over the ruins to see if I could find anything familiar. Finally I came across a battered teapot which I recognized as the property of Mrs. Cheney, and remembering the spot where it had stood, I was able to get my bearings.

"I climbed directly over the spot where their room had been and called, in the hope that they were still alive and that they would answer. I heard nothing, however, and further search revealed a piano covered to the depth of about ten feet in rubbish. I knew that the Cheneys had no piano, so it must have come down from one of the upper stories. As the shock was so strong that no one could stand and the consulate went down almost immediately, it was absolutely an impossibility for Dr. Cheney to have opened four doors and gone down a long flight of steps, which had three sections. Nothing belonging to the office could be seen except the teapot.

### Root to Grand Jury.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Root was the principal witness before the grand jury Friday in the libel proceedings in connection with publications concerning the Panama Canal. Other witnesses were Philander C. Knox and Assistant Attorney-General Charles W. Russell.

### Infirmary Fire Hurts Twelve.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Twelve inmates of the men's building of the Mahoning infirmary were injured Thursday when fire broke out.

## REALLY HAD NO KICK COMING

According to Expert Opinion, Playwright Had Got Off Easy.

That Beerbohm Tree, the player, has a caustic wit is evidenced by an incident wherein he and an unknown playwright figured.

The writer had obtained permission to read his offering to Tree. The actor evinced no great degree of enthusiasm, either during or after the reading, but he did take the manuscript, upon which he scribbled hastily a few suggestions for its betterment.

"See here, Mr. Tree," was the indignant ejaculation of the ambitious playwright, "it's hardly fair of you to dispose of my work in this summary and nonchalant fashion. I'd have you know that this play cost me a year's hard labor!"

"So?" queried Tree. "My dear fellow, any impartial judge would give you at least five!"—Harper's Weekly.

### Silly Question.

Him—Am I the first man you were ever engaged to?

Her—Don't insult me. You know perfectly well that I am 25 years old. Do I look like a lemon?

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